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**UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
Agenda for Meeting of March 11, 1996
3:30 PM, Board Room, Gilchrist Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Call for press identification.
2. Comments from Chair Gable.
3. Comments from Provost Marlin.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

- 589 Report of the University Committee on Curricula and the Graduate Council.

Note: By previous agreement, the Chair will accept a motion to place this item at the head of the docket, out of regular order. It is anticipated this item will be discussed at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Joel Haack to amend the following motion passed by the University Senate on February 26, 1996:

"The University Senate requests that the Registrar enforce prerequisites and other course restrictions that are in the University Catalogue. Exceptions for individual students should be considered using the standard Student Appeal form." (Calendar item 577, Docket Number 505).

The amended motion would read. "The University Senate requests that the Registrar enforce prerequisites and other course restrictions that are in the University Catalogue that can be enforced electronically at the time of student registration. Further, as part of its charge to departments for the next curricular cycle, the Curriculum Committee shall instruct departments to examine the prerequisites for courses to ensure that the prerequisites listed in the catalog are enforceable."

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

- 512 584 Proposal from Ed Amend to Establish an Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Community College Articulation.
- 513 585 Proposal by Joel Haack to change the High School Course Requirements in Mathematics for Admission to the University of Northern Iowa effective Fall 1998.

The current requirement is *"3 years, including one year of algebra and sequential courses of increasing difficulty."*

The proposed change is *"3 years, including the equivalent of two years of algebra and one year of geometry."*

- 514 586 Request from Andy Gilpin, Scott Cawelti, and Ken De Nault that the Senate Review the February 1, 1996, Working Draft of the Strategic Plan of the University of Northern Iowa.
- 515 587 Proposal by several faculty and endorsed by the Senate of the College of Natural Sciences that the Fall and Spring Semesters contain 15 full weeks of class with one full week of break in each.
- 516 588 Proposal by Martie Reineke that the Faculty Senate revise paragraph two of Section II, Responsibilities to Students, paragraph 5 of the "Professional Ethics and Academic Responsibility" Section of the University Policy and Procedures Manual.

The current paragraph states *"Faculty members may decide for sound pedagogical reasons that it is necessary to use course materials that include representations of human sexual acts. When such materials involve photo or film depictions, information sufficient to enable individual students to make a knowledgeable choice about whether to take that course, or attend a specific class session must be made available. Students will not be penalized for not attending a specific class session if such material is to be shown, but students are responsible for learning the content of the class session."*

The proposed change is *"In order to facilitate student learning, faculty members should present the appropriate context for course content because learning is furthered when students are adequately prepared to deal with course materials. While students are responsible for learning class materials and completing course requirements, faculty should respect decisions by students, based on the exercise of their own intellectual freedom, to not attend part or all of a particular class session."*

ADJOURNMENT